

WAUPACA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
Meeting Minutes – 9 October 2023
Waupaca County Courthouse – Room 1068

Chair Zaug called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm and gave the open meeting statement.

Roll Call: Chair Fred Zaug, Vice-Chair Joe McClone, Supervisors Sue Golding, Scott Purchatzke and John Miller, Citizen Member Jeff Dyer were present while Citizen Members Lois Bressette, Maryann Snider and Ken Van Dyke attended remotely. Staff member Allison Birr attended remotely - Joe Barden and John Francis were present.

Review and Approve Agenda: Motion by Van Dyke, seconded by Miller to approve the agenda. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion by Golding, seconded by Purchatzke to approve the 11 September 2023 minutes. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Public Comment/Correspondence: Zaug opened the meeting for public comment/correspondence, there was none.

Recycling hauling contract – update on contract process: Francis stated that GFL indicated they wanted to provide the contract to us and did so after a couple weeks. The contract had much of the same wording and was essentially the same as the July solid waste hauling contract. Francis requested a Word version of the contract that he could edit and he received it shortly after. He reviewed and removed all of the solid waste information that did not apply to the drop off site contract. It was sent to the Corporation Counsel to review at the end of last week, she is quite busy and short-handed so it may take awhile before we get a cleaned up version to send back to GFL. GFL will then have the opportunity to review the changes we made and possibly add some of their own. When we get a version back from them, we will review again and if both sides are happy, get it signed. The current contract expires at the end of 2023 so we have some time yet. There was some discussion about the contract and the prices that are currently increasing. Francis stated he would report back next month on the status of the contract.

Recycling Implementation Council (RIC) meeting – Report on 21 September meeting: Birr reported the quorum voted to use \$10,000 of the fund balance this year, keeping in mind they will likely want to use considerably more next year. The per capita amount is \$0.7529. Van Dyke requested that a copy of the minutes from the RIC meeting be sent to the members of the Solid Waste Board.

Board member and staff report(s): conference, seminar, convention, and/or webinar reports: Zaug opened the floor to any reports, there was none.

Recycling Coordinator's Report:

- a. **Education Outreach:** Birr spoke about her presentations to the Tri-Valley Gardeners- composting and recycling; and Conservation Field Day at Hartman Creek Park- composting and vermicomposting.
- b. **Program Updates:** Birr reported updates from the Waupaca and Iola site commission meetings, including hour and rate changes.

PTF Supervisor Update: Barden reported that this was the last week of the tire roundup. He said there was not much being brought in now and said that in the past when the roundup was held in the Spring, there was a much higher participation rate. He said it might be a good idea to try swapping the dates for the appliance

roundup with the tire roundup. There was some discussion about when tires come in and what sort of price break customers get during the roundup.

Barden also stated that it was busy at the PTF and the tipping floor is getting a little too full. GFL has not been doing the 3 pulls per day like they are supposed to. He is working with them to get more trucks available so we can get caught up. There was some discussion.

Lastly he talked about the volume of recyclables coming in to be sorted has been decreasing recently – they are down to sorting 2-2.5 days per week. There was discussion about why that might be.

Director Report: Francis reported that the budget process was moving along as expected so far. The next step is the reading of the budget at the 31 October 2023 County Board meeting.

Upcoming Meetings: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be 13 November 2023 at 3:30 pm.

Adjourn: Motion by McClone, seconded by Bressette to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 3:57 pm

Submitted by,

John D Francis
Solid Waste Director